



How to find people in Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening (The Norwegian Genealogical Society)

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This class is designed to teach family history researchers how to find Ministers, Bishop's and instructors (principals) in Norway in Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening (NSF).

Objectives:

Patrons will be able to find Ministers, Bishops, and instructors (Principals) in early 1500s to the mid-1700s.

Background:

Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening (The Norwegian Genealogical Society) is Norway's oldest national association for genealogists. The Association was established in 1926 and currently has more than 1700 members in Norway and abroad.

The Association normally publishes two issues of the scientific journal "Norsk Slektshistorisk Tidsskrift" (NST) and two issues of the Association's member's journal "Genealogen". These are included when you become a member of the Association.

The Association's main goal is, and has always been, to publish articles and other literature for the purpose of increasing knowledge and interest in family history in Norway. From 1927, NSF has published NST with two issues per year – where four issues over two years constitute a volume. To date, it has resulted in more than 15,000 pages of some of the best genealogical literature in Norway. The publication has the status of a scientific journal.

The information in their journals is in Norwegian, as well as at their website. However, some of their articles are in English. The language used in their databases is mainly in Norwegian, but there is also a section in English.

Databases:

As a member you will be able to view all their online databases that may extend your genealogy back to the time of the Vikings around year 800 to the 11th century.

You may also view several of their databases free of charge and it is the free databases we will learn about in this class.

If you are interested in finding people in the early records, I recommend that you purchase a subscription as it is well worth the money, and not expensive.

Projects and workshops:

At any given time, this Association releases various projects and working groups. The most important project right now is their online **Family History Wiki**. The purpose of this is to help all genealogists gain important information needed in their research. This wiki is open for genealogists all over the world.

Publications:

Most of the information is in Norwegian, but there is also some in English. Some articles that may be of interest that are free are:

Non-member

- Thematical publications (partly free, more for the member)
- Prisoner protocols (partly free, more for members)
- Norwegian Kings and Vikings-Do They belong in Your Family Tree/ Lars Løberg

Members:

- Genealogen 1987-2012 (member magazine, available online)
- Thematical publications
- Prisoners protocols
- Genealogical collections

Their website is: <https://www.genealogi.no>

Getting started:

Go to the website <http://www.genealogi.no> and click on Norsk Slektshistorisk Forening. You should now be at their home page, and up in the upper right corner you will see the "British Flag," click on it, and you will get a page in English. Next to the flag is a box that reads "Logg inn" (Log On). This is where you log in as a member to be able to see all they have to offer.

Next go down to the black bar at the top that reads MENU:

You should now see several topics. Hjem, Publikasjoner, Slechtsbutikken etc. Here you will have two choices.

- Click on Publikasjoner (publications)
- Next click on "Publikasjoner for alle" (Publications for all) the free site
- Next click on "Tematiske publikasjoner" and you should now see several links to several different topics.
- Scroll down until you find "Emner" (topics)

- Underneath “Emner” find “Stats og embetskilder” and click on it.
- This will bring you to Prestehistorie (Priest Histories). Click on “Arkiv over norske prester” (archive of Norwegian priests).
- Scroll down until you see Biskoper (bishops), and then Register over skolefolk i byene (index of teachers, principals in the cities). We will look at these later.

Priest Histories

Underneath, you will find old church jurisdictions in Norway. Here you will find a comprehensive list of Ministers and when and where they served from early 1500s until early 1700s.

- Find Trondhjems stift (diocese).
- Choose “Prester i Jemtland prosti.” Jemtland (now Jämtland County in Sweden). Jemtland prosti (Diocese) belonged to Norway until about 1645 when it was taken over by Sweden. Here you will find:
 1. name of a parish
 2. name of the minister
 3. years each minister served
- Next click on Dalene prosti (diocese) where you will find the names of ministers serving in what today is Sør-Trøndelag County.

You may now check the diocese where your ancestors came from to see if any of the ministers are your ancestor.

Bishops in Norway

Find Biskoper (Superintendent) [Bishops]. We will find a list of Bishops who served in Norway. Scroll up until you see “Biskoper, (superintendent)” and click on it. Here you will find a list of the Bishops (Catholic Bishops from 1500-1536, and Lutheran Bishops from 1537-early 1700s. This list has several pages for different areas in Norway, so scroll down until you find the one you want.

Teachers, superintendents, and principals

Lastly, we will find a list of teachers, superintendents, and principals from late 1400-early 1600s, listed by the name of the city where they worked. Rural parish are not included. Notice they are listed by:

- name of the City
- name of teachers
- years in service
- when promoted or when they left their position

Following is a list of some of the words used in the school records.

Rektor	Rekt.	Principal
Forfremmelse		Promoted
Ukjent		Unknown
Avsettelse		Removal, Dismissal
Sluttgrunn		Final Reason
Forflyttning		Relocation
Død		Died